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Sir:

Enclosed is the completed Issue Fee Transmittal, in response to the Notice of Allowance dated March 9, 2007 in the above-identified patent application. Applicants note that the present Notice of Allowance represents the third Notice of Allowance issued in the present application. A first Notice of Allowance was issued on 3/2/06. The application went abandoned unintentionally on June 3, 2006, and was thereafter revived with the filing on June 6, 2006 of a Petition For Revival Under 37 CFR 1.137(b), which was submitted with the Issue Fee (including payment of \$1400 for such issue fee).

Thereafter, on October 3, 2006, Applicants filed a first Petition to Withdraw From Issue with a Request for Continued Examination and an Information Disclosure Statement to obtain consideration of a then-newly-cited prior art reference. On October 30, 2006, a second Notice of Allowance was issued. The Issue Fee was submitted on January 22, 2007, including a request that the prior payment of the Issue Fee on June 3, 2006 be applied.

On February 7, 2007, Applicants filed a second Petition to Withdraw From Issue with a Request for Continued Examination and an Information Disclosure Statement to obtain consideration of a then-newly-cited prior art reference.

Most recently, the present (third) Notice of Allowance dated March 9, 2007 was mailed.

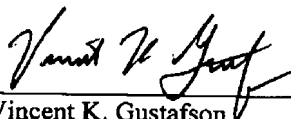
The (third) Notice of Allowance mailed on March 9, 2007 accurately reflects a "Prev. Paid Issue Fee" of \$1400.00, but that such Notice of Allowance erroneously indicates "Total Fee(s) Due" of \$1400.00. **Applicants hereby request that, pursuant to MPEP 1306, the issue fee (\$1400.00) previously paid on June 6, 2006 be applied to the issue fee currently due in the present application.**

Since the utility issue fee amount is currently \$1400.00 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.18(a), and Applicants have already paid such amount via credit card on June 6, 2006 in the present application, **it is believed that no additional fees are due and payable to obtain issuance of the instant application.** To the extent that Applicants are incorrect in this understanding, however,

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the USPTO is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account Number 08-3284 of Intellectual Property/Technology Law.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures:

Issue Fee Transmittal [1 pg.]

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